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Consents given under the Petroleum Act 1998 and Reviews under the Assessment of Environmental Effects Regulations 1999

BP

NORTH DAVY DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to Regulation 5(8) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry gives notice that, being content that the requirements of the above Regulations have been satisfied, he has, pursuant to Licence P64, granted a consent to BP Exploration Operating Company Limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the North Davy field. The consent for the North Davy field took effect from 09/07/01 and shall last until 31/12/06.

Background

The proposed project comprises the development of a gas reserve in the North Davy field, made possible through the availability of capacity on the Davy and Inde collection, processing and transmission system. The project comprises a single well tied back through an 8 inch pipeline to the normally unmanned Davy platform in the southern North Sea. Gas is then transmitted to the Inde platform through an existing 43 km subsea pipeline.

The scope of the ES is as follows:

- The installation of a remotely operated subsea wellhead at the predrilled North Davy well.
- The installation of a 10.5 km 8 inch gas pipeline connecting the wellhead to the Davy platform.
 - Installation of a control umbilical between the Davy platform and the wellhead.
 - Minor modifications to the Davy and Inde 49/23A platform.

The pipeline will be trenched and fully back-filled. The umbilical will be laid in a separate trench parallel to the production line. It will be back-filled by natural seabed sediment movement. Mattresses will be placed at either end of the pipeline and umbilical. A number of minor modifications to North Davy and Inde will be required.

No significant impacts have been identified from the proposed development and it is unlikely to affect any potential future SAC that may be identified. There were no major objections to this project and no significant impacts were identified. Following the provision of additional information, the Environmental Statement was approved.

Recommendation

Overall the environmental statement is satisfactory and adequately assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development. Recommend that consent be given.